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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authority that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place as usual between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M.

On 16th, 17th, 20th and 21st November, from Stone Cutter's Island in a Westerly and South-Westerly direction.

On 17th, 18th and 19th November, from Lyuemun in an Easterly and South-Easterly direction.

All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are Cautious to keep clear of the ranges.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong 5th November 1894.

1204

In the MATTER of the ESTATE and EFFECTS of TAM KEE, late of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Contractor, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Honorable the Acting Chief Justice in Virtue of Section No. 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870 made an order limiting to the 31st day of December, 1894, the time for SENDING IN CLAIMS against the Estate.

ALL CLAIMS must be presented to C. D. WILKINSON, Solicitor for the Executors,

70, Queen's Road,

Hongkong.

SPECIAL BATS for the ARMY and NAVY. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform will be admitted to the (Stalls) Carpeted Seats 10/- each.

BOX PLAN at KELLY & WALSH'S, where Seats can be reserved.

ROBERT LOVE,

8, REED,

(General Agent).

Hongkong, 12th November, 1894.

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FOR SALE AT A MODERATE PRICE

THE following VALUABLE PROPERTY belonging to the ESTATE of the late Captain PRISBREY, Situated on Double Island, at the entrance to Stowt Harbour.

A large TWO-STORY EUROPEAN HOUSE, containing 16 Rooms, 2 Bathrooms, and Kitchen, front and back "Voranda," has a detached Kitchen, 2 other detached out-houses, and a neat building taken up to the beautiful sea beach for sea bathing, the whole property contains about 5 acres, and is enclosed by a Concrete Wall, and the Garden contains a large number of various kinds of Valuable Fruit Trees. It is freehold property, for Crown Rent and Tax. The above is a BEAUTIFUL SUMMER RESORT, where the cool sea breeze and pure sea water bathing can be enjoyed.

For further Particulars apply to

W. L.

c/o Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1894.

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NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD,

THE Company's Steamship

"BAYERN,"

Captain W. Schmidler, carrying the German Mail, will leave on THURSDAY MORNING, the 15th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1894.

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KIUNGCHOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 3.

STEAMER FOR S.E. OF HAINAN ISLAND IN THE PASSAGE, HAINAN STRAIT.

WITNESS to BRITISH ADMIRALTY NOTICE TO MARINERS:

No. 40—China Station.

China, Tonking Gulf.

Hainan Strait.

Steamer BOAT S.E. of Hainan Island.

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INTIMATION.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

OUR LATEST NOVELTY.

A SAMPLE POCKET FLASK.

Available for Travellers or for Picnic, Luncheons or Shooting Parties, has just been received and may be obtained filled with any of our Wines or Spirits at cost price.

Passengers by steamers will find it INVALUABLE on the voyage when refreshment is needed or they are suffering from Sea-Sickness after the bar is closed.

The FLASK is well made and finished, and when emptied will be worth keeping for domestic use. It can be readily adapted for a feeding bottle; would prove most useful to carry milk or other nourishment for children, or tea, coffee, sugar or other fluid nourishment in little bottles.

THE HONGKONG SAMPLE FLASKS

Can be obtained filled at the following prices each:-

Port	\$0.60	C 30.65	D 30.80
Sherry	B 0.45	C 0.50	D 0.60
Brandy	A 0.60	B 0.65	C 0.80
Brandy	D 1.40	E 1.70	
Whisky	B 0.45	D 0.60	E 0.65
Irish Whisky	A 0.50	C 0.70	
Bourbon		0.60	
Jamies Rum		0.60	
A Gin		0.38	

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 13th October, 1894.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Only communications relating to the news column should be addressed to the Editor.
Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

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BIRTH.

On the 12th inst., at 21, Caine Road, the wife of JOHN MEERS, of a daughter.

DEATH.

Mr. JAMES R. STANLEY, of a daughter.

The Daily Press.

Hongkong, November 13th, 1894.

Soar months ago the unofficial members of the Legislative Council expressed their unqualified disapproval of the proposal to grant exchange compensation to the members of the Civil Service, and at that time the proposal was withdrawn. It is understood that it will be introduced again in the forthcoming session, and there is reason to believe that the unofficial members, or some of them, may on this occasion either refrain from opposing the vote which will be asked for or even give the Government their support. The proposal we understand, is that one half the salary shall be paid at the rate of \$200, the dollar, and that officers who are on leave shall draw their half pay at the same rate. Taking a salary of \$200 a month this would work out, as follows:- \$100 at 3s. would be £15, which with exchange at 2s. would give £150, making the officer's total salary \$250 instead of \$200, the annual cost to the Colony being \$600. At 2s. 2d. the increase would be \$38 a month or \$456 per annum, and at 2s. 6d. it would be \$29, or \$320 per annum. Against this there is to be set the saving that would be effected on leave pay. An officer with a salary of \$200 going home for twelve months' leave, four on full pay and eight on half-pay, would draw for the full period two-thirds of his full pay in the estimates, his substitute drawing the remaining one-third. Two-thirds of \$2,400 is \$1,600, which at 4s. the rate at which leave pay is at present computed, amounts to \$320. At 2s. the dollar the officer would draw \$240 only, and the difference would be a saving to the Colony of \$30 to set against the increased pay drawn by the officer while in the Colony. Leave is on average taken every seventh year, that is, one year's leave after six years' service. With exchange at 2s. 2d. an officer with a salary of \$200 a month would, as above, receive an increase while in the colony of \$456 per annum, or in six years \$2,760, while the saving to the colony by paying him when on leave at the rate of 3s. instead of 4s. would still take the market rate of exchange at 2s. 2d. be \$1,824, the net gain to the officer therefore being \$1,824 for seven years including one year's leave, or an increase of 8 per cent. With a rise in exchange this advantage would be diminished, and if the dollar approached 3s. the officer would become a distinct loser. Officers wishing to take leave at once would also lose by being paid at 3s. instead of 4s., but so far as the Colony is concerned the effect of the scheme would not be materially altered by a few exceptional cases of that kind. What it amounts to, that is, an actual all round increase of 8 per cent. on salaries, and even more in the case of those officers who do not take leave after every six years' service. And this after the recent increase of 35 per cent. and when we have been told by the Retrenchment Committee that many officers are overpaid and that

many have not sufficient work to occupy their time. Many of the officers are not in love with the service themselves, some of them because they want to take leave at an early date and others because they have an idea that exchange might yet recover to a point at which the proposed scheme would mean actual loss to them irrespective of their intentions with regard to leave. Our own view is that silver being the currency of the Colony all salaries should be on a strictly silver basis. If it is thought there is anything wrong with the currency let the expediency of going on a gold basis be fairly considered, but patchwork arrangements of the kind now proposed are illogical, are in the nature of gambling, and are likely to lead to dissatisfaction all round.

A rumour is current that on the arrival of the Rifles Brigade next month a portion of the men will be put under canvas at Kowloon and the remainder at Stanley. The garrison years ago had a very painful experience of Stanley, the death-rate among the men stationed there being enormous, and the barracks were ultimately abandoned. The report that another trial is to be made of the place as a camping ground therefore naturally excites surprise, for the conditions are just the same now as they were then. It is said the Army Medical Authorities do not understand why Stanley should be unhealthy, but the fact remains that it always has been and so far as can be seen always will be unhealthy. The Police station there suffer severely from fever, the admissions to hospital during the last year or two have been rather less than usual, but this may be a mere coincidence, and in view of the high mortality amongst the native population it certainly cannot be taken as establishing the healthiness of the station. In 1892 the death-rate for the land population of the whole colony was 22.4 and for 1893 it was 24.6, whilst at Stanley it was 32.6 for both years. In send British troops there, unless under imperative military necessity, would be an outrage amounting almost to manslaughter, for it is certain that a number of the men would be killed by their malarious surroundings. If the encampment were intended to be continued only for a day or two there might not be much objection at this time of the year, but the arrangement is under contemplation, we believe, in connection with the possibility of the Shropshire being retained here for an indefinite period, during which the Rifles would have to remain under canvas. It is said there is not sufficient ground available within the military reserves of Kowloon for the whole of the Regiment; hence the idea of sending a portion to Stanley. But surely some better alternative could be found. Ground at Kowloon could be hired, and there are also godowns in the city which might readily be improvised as barracks. Anything would be better than sending the men to such a deadly encampment as Stanley.

With respect to the question of preferential docking on junk-cargo at Canton, while Mr. Dent maintains the legality of the arrangement its illegality has been admitted both by the British Minister and by the Tsung-li Yamen. The position taken up by the Yamen is that preferential treatment is not accorded and that they have sent positive orders to Canton prohibiting it. While statistics leave no moral doubt as to the existence of the practice, there is a difficulty in establishing it by a positive proof. Mr. Dent in his letters which have appeared in our columns proceed on the assumption that the practice does exist, and he argues in defence of it. In view of the admission of illegality made by the Yamen, the argument does not carry weight, but Mr. Dent's letters afford strong presumptive evidence of the existence of the practice he defends and indicate where the proof required by the Minister to support the claim for redress may be sought.

The P. & O. Steamer Shanghai left New York for this port on Saturday, the 10th inst.

There were 1,762 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, of whom 1,600 were Europeans. H.M.S. Edgar will probably leave soon this afternoon. Yesterday the Undisputed went on a trial cruise, which we understand proved very satisfactory.

The work of removing the rocks which obstruct the navigation of the Red River, is to be undertaken by the Chinese. The Chinese fleet is inside and several hundred men have arrived from Canton to help.

Harmood's Circus are performing to good houses every evening. Last night a complete change of programme was announced, and a large audience testified their appreciation by a most continuous applause. Several novel features are introduced, and the performance is well worth a visit.

From the *Hung News* we learn that the British steamer Lenox has been sold to the N. Y. K. and Chinese. The British part of the vessel will be sold to the Chinese, who are reported to have purchased the Port of Alibag and the Paking, and to have rechristened them the Kaohsiung-Mor and the Yaquaqua-Mor respectively. These two steamers are to leave Japan for Korea.

An Imperial Decree has been received at Shanghai from the Emperor, noting that Keng-kuo-kan, the grandee of the Liang-teng-Kuo-feng, Viceroy of the Liang-Kiang Provinces, and Chen-Sha-wei, both Hanlin men, had usurped the Throne to be allowed to take part in the war against the Japanese. The Emperor has been pleased to grant their request, and orders them to report themselves to Wu-tchang at once.

The anxiety experienced for the safety of the small launch which left here in charge of Capt. Raymond for Manila a fortnight ago, was relieved yesterday by a telegram announcing that she had put into Gabon, French Sur province, short of provisions. This is about a day's journey from the coast. The Chinese hand-craftsmen recently built for the Philippine Government, and the Dook Company, were rapidly

the Changting correspondent of the *China News* writes:- The Telegraph Convention of the 1st September provides for the jurisdiction of the China and the Foreign Courts in the event of a suit between the parties to the contract. The Chinese law affected before this month of May, 1895, with a verbal agreement of the part of the Chinese that the work will be carried on to completion before that date. Wires and insulators for the work have been supplied by the Indian Government and the other necessary materials are being shipped from Shanghai to the Irrawaddy.

Says the *Staplewise Free Press*:- It is stated,

in a quarter-life to have fairly reliable private information that the naval vessels for the Far East to be sent to China are to be built at Foochow.

It is further stated privately, but not officially, that he and his family were about to go home.

In consequence of his death, the Masonic Ball fixed for Friday next, has been postponed.

The funeral took place on the 8th inst. and was also a double coincidence that the day was also

the anniversary of his birth and a marriage.

The German gunboat Tigris left Shanghai on the 7th inst. for Chinkiang.

The P. & O. steamer Ascania, from Bombay, left Singapore yesterday at 2 p.m. and is expected here on Monday, the 19th instant, at 8 a.m.

The tea ex steamer *Dragon*, left Yokohama on the 23rd October, which arrived at Chicago on the 2nd, and at New York on the 4th inst.

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Planters and others requiring manual labour in the French West Indies, failing to obtain immigrants from British India or any other source, have recently applied to Japan, and with success, some 500 able-bodied male labourers, having recently left Kobe for Guangzhou, where they are to be employed.

At the auction of race ponies held by the Shanghai Horse-Bazaar on the 7th inst. a sum of £1,000 was bid for the 10th instant, but the bidding did not reach the 10th instant, and the horses were sold for £1,000.

The auctioneer, Captain G. H. Denison, G.M.C.

of the Royal Engineers, said that the horses were

not fit for racing, but were fit for general work.

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THE BATHS, including THREE HOT
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